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<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

CoCa Mines, Inc.
Hecla Limited, Inc. (f/k/a Hecla Mining Company)
Hecla Mining Company
c/o Joseph G. Middleton
Temkin Wielga & Hardt
1900 Wazee Street, Suite 303
Denver, Colorado 80202

Re: Request For Information
Gilt Edge Mine Site, Lawrence County, South Dakota

Dear Mr. Middleton:

This letter seeks your cooperation in providing information and documents relating to the Gilt Edge Mine Site located approximately 4.5 miles southeast of the town of Lead in the northern Black Hills of Lawrence County, South Dakota (Site). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is investigating the identification, nature, and quantity of materials that have been generated, treated, stored or disposed of at, or transported to, the Site; the nature or extent of the release of a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant at the Site; and information relating to the ability of persons to pay for or to perform a cleanup at the Site. The EPA is writing this letter to you because it has reason to believe that your clients, CoCa Mines, Inc., Hecla Limited, Inc. (f/k/a Hecla Mining Company), and Hecla Mining Company have information relevant to this investigation.

Pursuant to the authority of Section 104 of the Comprehensive, Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. § 9604, as amended, you are hereby requested to respond to the Information Request set forth in Enclosure 1, attached hereto. Please respond to the Information Request within 30 days. Failure to respond fully and truthfully, or to adequately justify your failure to respond, can result in an enforcement action by the EPA, pursuant to section 104(e) of CERCLA and the imposition of penalties of up to \$37,500 per day of non-compliance. Please be further advised that provision of false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations may subject you to criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

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The Information Request is not subject to the approval requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. § 3501, et seq.

Your response to this request must be accompanied by a notarized certificate that is signed and dated by the person who is authorized by you to respond to this request. The notarized certificate must state that the response submitted to EPA is complete and contains all documents and information responsive to this request that are known to you following a complete and thorough review of all information and sources available to you. A suggested format for the notarized certificate is included with this request as Enclosure 2.

The response to the Information Request should be mailed to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 8 Attn: Sharon Abendschan 1595 Wynkoop Street Denver, CO 80202-1129

The EPA strongly encourages you to give this matter your immediate attention and respond to the Information Request within the time specified above. If you have any questions relating to this Information Request, please contact Andrea Madigan, the EPA attorney for this matter, at (303) 312-6904. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Kelcey Land
Director, Technical Enforcement Program
Office of Enforcement, Compliance
and Environmental Justice

Andrea Madigan
Supervisory Attorney
Legal Enforcement Program
Office of Enforcement, Compliance
and Environmental Justice

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